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CALLS FOR WAGE INCREASES IN ALGERIA -- Algiers, Liberte, 12 Jul 51

The colonialist administration, which dares not refuse anything demanded by the powerful wheat growers, has just decided on an increase in the price of bread from 7 to 10 francs per kilogram, effective 10 July

And this is only the beginning! A second increase is expected within a month or 2 months from 10 to 15 francs, which probably would add up to a total increase of about 25 francs per kilogram.

It is difficult to see how an agricultural worker, who at present earns 300 francs a day, and consumes, together with his family, an average of 2 kilograms of bread a day, can pay 600 francs or more a month for bread alone, in view of the fact that often he works only 20 out of 30 days each month

In any case, this will certainly be an insoluble problem, and bread is going to become a real luxury. Those who are in control of Algerian agriculture have dictated their orders to the men in the Government General, and have made a vital food item inaccessible to a large portion of our population.

After the numerous recent price rises of ordinary, everyday products, it is more than ever imperative for the authorities to grant wage adjustments, family allowances, and a sliding wage scale, so that workers can combat the new difficulties which confront them while they are in extremely precarious positions.

ALGERIAN WORKERS STRIKE: GET RESULTS IN LIVING COST FIGHT -- Algiers, Liberte, 15 Jul 51

The price of bread has increased, following that of numerous other foodstuffs. Living conditions are becoming more and more difficult, and workers' demands still have gone unheeded

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To put an end to this intolerable situation, to get decent wages and fair means of subsistence, 1,350 metalworkers at Oran ceased work for 24 hours on 12 July

They demand and are determined to obtain the following 100 francs an hour (with bargaining powers for further increases) and an increase in family allowances to 4,000 francs a month for each child

This strike will be followed by similar actions in the future. The metalworkers of Oran are determined that the employers must yield

Workers at the SACLAR (Societe Algerienne de Conditionnement de l'Air Refrigere, Algerian Air Conditioning Company) in Algiers have just won a monthly bonus of from 2,500 to 3,000 francs

In another farm corporation, the agricultural workers of the region of Sidi bel Abbes have just won an important victory after several days of struggle; henceforth, employers are to pay 375 francs a day to the workers of one category and 450 to those of another. However, there still remains to be attained the objective of a wage of not less than 520 francs a day for all farm workers

Wage earners throughout Algeria are organizing and taking up action against the high cost of living, for an increase in wages, and against the colonial regime which is the cause of their misfortunes -- Fernand Caron

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